

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Health continued markup of H.R. 3600, Health Security Act.

Will continue tomorrow.

On March 14, the Subcommittee on Health continued markup of H.R. 3600, Health Security Act.

OVERSIGHT

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Human Resources held an oversight hearing on the Family Support Act of 1988. Testimony was heard from Mary Jo Bane, Assistant Secretary, Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

UNITED STATES-JAPAN TRADE RELATIONS

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Trade held a hearing on United States-Japan Trade Relations. Testimony was heard from Michael Kantor, U.S. Trade Representative.

INTELLIGENCE BUDGET

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Program and Budget Authorization met in executive session to continue hearings on Fiscal Year 1995 Intelligence budget. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

Hearings continue March 17.

Joint Meetings

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Wednesday, March 16, 1994

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Eight bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1934-1941, S. Res. 190, and S. Con. Res. 62.

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Measures Passed:

National Competitiveness Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 820, to amend the Stevenson-Wydler Technology Innovation Act of 1980 to enhance manufacturing technology development and transfer, and to authorize appropriations for the Technology Administration of the Department of Commerce, including the National Institute of Standards and Technology and, by 59 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No. 60), the bill was then passed, after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the text of S. 4, Senate companion measure, after agreeing to a modified committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, as amended, and after taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Rejected:

By 44 yeas to 55 nays (Vote No. 59), Danforth Amendment No. 1522, to strike section 306, technology financing pilot program.

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Senate insisted on its amendment, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair appointed the following conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators Hollings, Rockefeller, and Danforth.

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Subsequently, S. 4 was returned to the Senate Calendar.

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General Aviation Revitalization Act: By 91 yeas to 8 nays (Vote No. 61), Senate passed S. 1458, to amend the Federal Aviation Act of 1958 to establish time limitations on certain civil actions against aircraft manufacturers, as modified.

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Community Development Banking and Financial Institutions Act: Senate began consideration of S. 1275, to facilitate the establishment of community development financial institutions, with a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows:

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Adopted:

(1) Riegle/D'Amato Amendment No. 1523, to make certain technical corrections and other amendments relating to community development and consumer protection, small business capital formation, and paperwork reduction and regulatory improvements.

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Subsequently, the amendment was modified by unanimous consent.

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(2) Riegle/D'Amato Amendment No. 1524, relating to consumer protections for certain mortgage loans.

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(3) Riegle/D'Amato Amendment No. 1526, to ensure that the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency has the same independent authority as the Office of Thrift Supervision.

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(4) Dodd Amendment No. 1527, to authorize the minting of coins to commemorate the 1995 Special Olympics World Games.

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(5) Packwood Amendment No. 1529, to authorize a study of the effects on small business concerns in the forest products industry of designating the Northern spotted owl as a threatened species.

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(6) Riegle (for Bryan/Bond) Amendment No. 1530, to improve reporting requirements on monetary instruments and transactions.

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(7) Riegle/Metzenbaum Amendment No. 1531, to ensure that negative information regarding checks in a consumer credit report includes the date, original payees, and amounts of checks.

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(8) Riegle (for Baucus/Wallop) Amendment No. 1532, to change the bills selection criteria to require the fund to take into consideration communities that have experienced a sudden loss in employment since the 1990 census.

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Withdrawn:

Packwood Amendment No. 1528, to authorize a study of the effects on small business concerns in the forest products industry of designating the Northern spotted owl as a threatened species.

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Pending:

Riegle/D'Amato Amendment No. 1525, to provide for fair trade in financial services.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill and an amendment to be proposed thereto, on Thursday, March 17.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

William T. Coleman, III, of Michigan, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Army.

Sara E. Lister, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army.

Rudy deLeon, of California, to be Under Secretary of the Air Force.

A routine list in the Foreign Service.

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—61)

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Recess: Senate convened at 9 a.m., and recessed at 6:34 p.m., until 9 a.m., on Thursday, March 17, 1994. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page 5012.)

Committee Meetings

DAIRY SELF-HELP PROGRAM

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded hearings to examine the effect of the proposed dairy self-help program on the dairy trade industry, after receiving testimony from Senator Jeffords; Thomas A. Magnant, Franklin, Vermont, on behalf of the St. Albans Cooperative Creamery and the Council of Northeast Farmer Cooperatives; Everett Herness, Whitehall, Wisconsin, on behalf of Land O'Lakes; James C. Barr, National Milk Producers Federation, Arlington, Virginia; James E. Tillison, Alliance of Western Milk Producers, Sacramento, California; E. Linwood Tipton, International Dairy Foods Association, Washington, D.C.; and Stewart Huber, Clintonville, Wisconsin, on behalf of the National Farmers Union.

APPROPRIATIONS—AGRICULTURE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1995, receiving testimony in behalf of funds for their respective activities from Bob J. Nash, Under Secretary for Small Community and Rural Development, Michael V. Dunn, Administrator, Farmers Home Administration, Wilbur T.

Peer, Acting Administrator, Rural Development Administration, Wally B. Beyer, Administrator, Rural Electrification Administration, and Stephen B. Dewhurst, Director, Office of Budget and Program Analysis, all of the Department of Agriculture.

Subcommittee will meet again on Monday, April 11.

APPROPRIATIONS—HHS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1995 for the Department of Health and Human Services, receiving testimony from Donna E. Shalala, Secretary, Philip Lee, Assistant Secretary, Public Health Service, Ciro V. Sumaya, Administrator, Health Resources and Services Administration, David Satcher, Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Elaine M. Johnson, Acting Administrator, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, and Bruce Viadeck, Administrator, Health Care Financing Administration, all of the Department of Health and Human Services.

Subcommittee will meet again tomorrow.

APPROPRIATIONS—IRS/OPM/EXECUTIVE RESIDENCE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1995, receiving testimony in behalf of funds for their respective activities from Margaret Milner Richardson, Commissioner, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury; James B. King, Director, Office of Personnel Management; and Robert Stanton, National Capital Region Director, National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

Subcommittee will meet again on Friday, March 25.

EXPORT BAN ON ALASKAN OIL

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on International Finance and Monetary Policy concluded hearings to examine the impact of the ban on the export of Alaskan crude oil, and the prospects for lifting the ban, after receiving testimony from Senators Murkowski and Stevens; Representative Bill Thomas; Alaska Commissioner of Revenue Darrel Rexwinkel, Juneau; Philip Ryall, Stockdale Oil and Gas, Inc., Bakersfield, California, on behalf of the California Independent Petroleum Association; Ran Hettana, OSG Bulk Ships, Inc., New York, New York, on behalf of the Coalition to Keep Alaska Oil; and Peter A. Sutton, Tosco Refining Company, Concord, California.

BUDGET RESOLUTION

Committee on the Budget: Committee began markup of a proposed concurrent resolution on the fiscal year 1995 budget for the Federal Government, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again on tomorrow.

ENERGY DEVELOPMENTS IN CHINA

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee held oversight hearings to examine the domestic and international implications of economic and energy developments in China and other developing countries in the Asia Pacific region, receiving testimony from William H. White, Deputy Secretary of Energy; Mary D. Nichols, Assistant Administrator for Air and Radiation, Environmental Protection Agency; Marc Brody, China Environmental Fund, Mount Horeb, Wisconsin; John B. Wing, The Wing Group, Aspen, Colorado; and William U. Chandler, Battelle, Pacific Northwest Laboratories, Washington, D.C.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

GEOTHERMAL DEVELOPMENT MORATORIUM

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Mineral Resources Development and Production concluded joint hearings with the Subcommittee on Public Lands, National Parks and Forests on H.R. 1137, to prohibit any development of new geothermal wells, expansion of existing wells, or construction or expansion of facilities related to geothermal production with the Yellowstone Protection Area, after receiving testimony from Senator Baucus; Representative Williams; Dennis Fenn, Acting Associate Director, Natural Resources, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; Montana Chief Deputy Attorney General Chris Tweeten, Helena, on behalf of the Montana Reserved Water Rights Compact Commission; Jeanne-Marie Souvigny, Greater Yellowstone Coalition, Bozeman; Edward L. Francis, Church Universal and Triumphant, Inc., Corwin Springs, Montana; Elizabeth Fayad, National Parks and Conservation Association, Washington, D.C.; and Constance E. Brooks, Denver, Colorado.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Finance: Committee began consideration of the nominations of William Booth Gardner, of Washington, to be Deputy United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador, and Lynn M. Bragg, of Maryland, to be a Member of the United States International Trade Commission, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to call.

Prior to this action, the committee concluded hearings on the aforementioned nominations, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Gardner was introduced by Senators Gorton and Murray, and Ms. Bragg was introduced by Senator Wallop.

URUGUAY ROUND NEGOTIATIONS

Committee on Finance: Committee resumed hearings to examine the results of the Uruguay Round of multilateral trade negotiations and what more needs to be accomplished before the trade agreements are to be signed on April 15, 1994, receiving testimony from James K. Baker, Arvin Industries, Columbus, Indiana, on behalf of

the United States Chamber of Commerce; Gordon L. Jones, Stone Container International Corporation, Chicago, Illinois, on behalf of the American Forest and Paper Association; Judy Olson, Garfield, Washington, on behalf of the National Association of Wheat Growers; Jack Sheinkman, Amalgamated Clothing and Textile Workers Union, AFL-CIO, Bronx, New York; and Ralph Nader, Washington, D.C.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

ACQUISITION REFORM

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee resumed joint hearings with the Committee on Armed Services on S. 1587, to revise and streamline the acquisition laws of the Federal Government, receiving testimony from Philip A. Odeen, BDM International, Inc., McLean, Virginia; Nick Reynolds, Independent Defense Contractors Association, Alexandria, Virginia; Sam F. Iacobellis, Rockwell International Corporation, Todd Ramsey, Information Technology Association of America, Merritt Marquardt, Integrated Dual-Use Commercial Companies, and Alan L. Chvotkin, Sundstrand Corporation, all of Arlington, Virginia; and Verle Hammond, Innovative Logistics Techniques, John Satagaj, Small Business Legislative Council, Parren J. Mitchell, Minority Business Enterprise Legal Defense and Education Fund, Allan J. Arlow, Computer and Communications Industry Association, and Rhett Dawson, Computer and Business Equipment Manufacturers Association, all of Washington, D.C.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

NOMINATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Jamie S. Gorelick, of Maryland, to be Deputy Attorney General, Department of Justice, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senators Sarbanes and Mikulski and Representative Morella, testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

EDUCATION REFORM

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: Committee resumed hearings on S. 1513, authorizing funds for programs of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, focusing on education programs for disadvantaged children and youth, receiving testimony from Marshall S. Smith, Under Secretary of Education; Linda G. Morra, Director, Education and Employment Issues, Health, Education, and Human Services Division, General Accounting Office; Kentucky Commissioner of Education Thomas C. Boysen, Frankfort, on behalf of the Council of Chief State School Officers; Wendy D. Puriefoy, Public Education Fund Network, and Kati Haycock, American Association for Higher Education, both of Washington, D.C.; Ramon C. Cortines, New York City Board of Education, New York, New York; Dan French, Massachusetts Department of Education, Boston; and Andrea Mattia,

E.W. Flynn Model Elementary School, Providence, Rhode Island.

Hearings continue on Friday, March 18.

REEMPLOYMENT ACT

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: Subcommittee on Labor held hearings on proposed legislation to consolidate job training programs into one program to provide incentives for States to train workers, receiving testimony from Robert B. Reich, Secretary of Labor.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 25 public bills, H.R. 4039–4063; and 6 resolutions, H.J. Res. 338–340, H. Con. Res. 223–224, and H. Res. 389 were introduced.

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

Conference report on H.R. 3345, to provide temporary authority to Government agencies relating to voluntary separation incentive payments (H. Rept. 103–435); and

H. Res. 388, waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 3345, to amend title 5, United States Code, to eliminate certain restrictions on employee training; and to provide temporary authority to agencies relating to voluntary separation incentive payments (H. Rept. 103–436).

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Journal: By a yea-and-nay vote of 246 yeas to 144 nays, Roll No. 58, the House approved the Journal of March 15.

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Developmental Disabilities Assistance: House insisted on its amendments to S. 1284, the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act Amendments of 1993; and agreed to a conference. Appointed as conferees: Representatives Dingell, Waxman, Brown of Ohio, Moorhead, and Bliley.

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School-to-Work Opportunities: House disagreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 2884, to establish a national framework for the development of School-to-Work Opportunities systems in all States; and agreed to a conference. Appointed as conferees: Representatives Ford of Michigan, Kildee, Williams, Goodling, and Gunderson.

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Balanced Budget Amendment: House completed all general debate and began consideration of amendments to H.J. Res. 103, proposing an amendment to the Constitution to provide for a balanced budget for the United States Government and for greater accountability in the

enactment of tax legislation. Consideration of amendments will resume on Thursday, March 17.

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Rejected the Kyl amendment in the nature of a substitute that sought to limit Federal outlays to 19 percent of the Gross National Product for that year, unless the requirement is waived by a three-fifths (60 percent) majority vote of the entire membership of the Senate and House; and to authorize a Presidential "line item" veto of any bill containing any item of spending authority (rejected by a recorded vote of 179 ayes to 242 noes, Roll No. 60).

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H. Res. 331, the rule under which the joint resolution is being considered, was agreed to earlier by a yea-and-nay vote of 387 yeas to 22 nays, Roll No. 59.

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Meeting Hour: Agreed to meet at 10 a.m. on Thursday, March 17.

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Food Stamp Program: House passed S. 1926, Food Stamp Program Improvements Act of 1994—clearing the measure for the President.

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Presidential Message—Reemployment: Read a message from the President wherein he transmits his proposed legislation entitled "Reemployment Act of 1994—referred to the Committees on Education and Labor, Ways and Means, the Judiciary, and Veterans' Affairs and ordered printed (H. Doc. 103-222).

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages 5018, 5024, 5082. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:02 p.m.

Committee Meetings

URUGUAY ROUND GATT AGREEMENT

Committee on Agriculture: Held a hearing to review the Uruguay Round GATT Agreement. Testimony was heard from Mike Espy, Secretary, USDA; and Michael Kantor, U.S. Trade Representative.

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies held a hearing on the FDA. Testimony was heard from David A. Kessler, M.D., Commissioner, Food and Drug Administration, USDA.

The Subcommittee also continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from Members of Congress and public witnesses.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE, AND JUDICIARY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary held a hearing on the U.S. Travel and Tourism Administration, the Competitiveness Policy Council and the SEC. Testimony was heard from Greg Farmer, Under Secretary, Travel and Tourism, U.S. Travel and Tourism Administration, Department of Commerce; C. Fred Bergsten, Chairman, Competitiveness Policy Council; and Arthur Levitt, Jr., Chairman, SEC.

DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense met in executive session to hold a hearing on Air Force Procurement Programs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Air Force: Lt. Gen. Richard E. Hawley, USAF, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary; Maj. Gen. George T. Babbitt, Jr., USAF, Director, Supply, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, Logistics; and Darleen A. Druyun, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Acquisition.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on Logistics and Spare parts. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Lt. Gen. Johnnie E. Wilson, USA, Deputy Chief of Staff, Logistics; VAdm. Stephen F. Loftus, USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (Logistics); Lt. Gen. John M. Nowak, USAF, Deputy Chief of Staff (Logistics); and Lt. Gen. R.A. Tiebout, USMC, Deputy Chief of Staff (Installations and Logistics).

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development met in executive session to hold a hearing on Department of Energy (Atomic Energy Defense Activities). Testimony was heard from Adm. Bruce DeMars, USN, Director, Office of Naval Reactors, Department of Energy; and the following officials of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board: John T. Conway, Chairman; A.J. Eggenberger, Vice Chairman; John W. Crawford, Jr., Joseph J. DiNunno and Herbert Kouts, all members.

LABOR—HHS—EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor—HHS—Education held a hearing on the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, the National Mediation Board, the National Labor Relations Board and the Armed Forces Retirement Home. Testimony was heard from John Calhoun Wells, Director, Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service; Ernest W. DuBester, Chairman, National Mediation Board; William B. Gould, IV, Chairman, NLRB; and Dennis W. Jahnigen, Chairman, Armed Forces Retirement Home Board.

TREASURY—POSTAL SERVICE—GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Treasury—Postal Service—General Government held a hearing on the National Archives and Records Administration, the United States Tax Court and the Office of Government Ethics. Testimony was heard from Trudy H. Peterson, Acting Archivist of the United States, National Archives and Records Administration; Lapsley W. Hamblen, Jr., Chief Judge, U.S. Tax Court; and Stephen D. Potts, Director, U.S. Office of Government Ethics.

VA, HUD, INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies held a hearing on the Consumer Information Center and the U.S. Office of Consumer Affairs. Testimony was heard from Teresa N. Nasif, Director, Consumer Information Center, GSA; and Polly Baca, Director, U.S. Office of Consumer Affairs, Department of Health and Human Services.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Armed Services: Continued hearings on the fiscal year 1995 national defense authorization, with emphasis on the Administration's defense program and budget. Testimony was heard from Robert D. Reischauer, Director, CBO.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Armed Services: Military Application of Nuclear Energy Panel continued hearings on the fiscal year 1995 national defense authorization, with emphasis on the Department of Energy environmental restoration and waste management. Testimony was heard from Thomas P. Grumbly, Assistant Secretary, Environmental Restoration and Waste Management, Department of Energy; Steven A. Herman, Assistant Administrator, Enforcement, EPA; Mary Riveland, Director, Department of Ecology, State of Washington; and a public witness.

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACT

Committee on Banking, Finance and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Housing and Community Development continued hearings on H.R. 3838, Housing and Community Development Act of 1994, with emphasis on Community Development Block Grant Program and the Home Improvement Partnership Program. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

REEMPLOYMENT ACT

Committee on Education and Labor: Held a hearing on the Reemployment Act of 1994. Testimony was heard from Robert B. Reich, Secretary of Labor.

OVERSIGHT

Committee on Education and Labor: Subcommittee on Labor Standards, Occupational Health and Safety held an oversight hearing on Section 14 C of the Fair Labor Standards Act regarding workers in sheltered workshops. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Ordered reported amended the following bills: H.R. 3626, Antitrust Reform Act of 1993; and H.R. 3636, National Communications Competition and Information Infrastructure Act of 1993.

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Committee on Foreign Affairs: Ordered reported the following measures: H.R. 3813, amended, Environmental Export Promotion Act of 1994; and H. Con. Res. 124, concerning the emancipation of the Iranian Baha'i community.

SOMALIA: PROSPECTS FOR PEACE AND STABILITY

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Africa held a hearing on Somalia: Prospects for Peace and Stability. Testimony was heard from David Shinn, Director, East African Affairs, Department of State.

UNITED STATES FOREIGN ASSISTANCE—EASTERN EUROPE, EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN AND IRELAND

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Europe and the Middle East held a hearing on United States Foreign Assistance to Eastern Europe, the Eastern Mediterranean and Ireland. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Bureau for European and Canadian Affairs, Department of State: Stephen A. Oxman, Assistant Secretary; and Ralph Johnson, Coordinator, East European Assistance; Thomas Dine, Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Europe and the New Independent States, AID, U.S. International Development Cooperation Agency; and Joseph Kruzel, Deputy Assistant Secretary, European and NATO Policy, Department of Defense.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 3626, amended, Antitrust Reform Act of 1993; H.R. 4030, Victims of Crime Act of 1994; H.R. 3979, amended, Mandatory Minimum Sentencing Reform Act of 1994; H.R. 1120, Assaults Against Children Act of 1993 and H.R. 665, Insurance Fraud Prevention Act of 1993.

The committee also began markup of H.R. 3981, to provide mandatory life imprisonment for persons convicted of a third violent felony.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 3886, to amend the boundaries of the Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary; H.R. 2063, National Coastal Resources Development Act of 1993; H.R. 1394, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Great Lakes Improvement Act; H.R. 2760, amended, Marine Mammal Protection Act Amendments of 1994; and H.R. 3664, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the State of Minnesota the New London National Fish Hatchery production facility.

URBAN RECREATION AND AT-RISK YOUTH ACT

Committee on Natural Resources: Ordered reported amended H.R. 4034, Urban Recreation and At-Risk Youth Act of 1994.

HEALTH CARE INFORMATION MODERNIZATION AND SECURITY ACT

Committee on Post Office and Civil Service: Subcommittee on Census, Statistics and Postal Personnel concluded hearings on H.R. 3137, Health Care Information Modernization and Security Act of 1993. Testimony was heard from Nan Hunter, Deputy General Counsel, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

CONFERENCE REPORT—FEDERAL WORKFORCE RESTRUCTURING ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted a rule waiving all points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 3345, Federal Workforce Restructuring Act of 1994, and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. Testimony was heard from Chairman Clay and Representatives Hoyer, Myers of Indiana and Castle.

LEGISLATIVE REORGANIZATION ACT

Committee on Rules: Subcommittee on Rules of the House held a hearing on H.R. 3801, Legislative Reorganization Act of 1994, with emphasis on the provisions addressing scheduling, attendance and legislative procedures. Testimony was heard from Representatives Brown of California, Synar, Skaggs, Roemer, Oberstar and Livingston.

Hearings continue March 24.

HEALTH CARE REFORM

Committee on Small Business: Continued hearings on health care reform, with emphasis on issues facing the nation's small business community—the employer mandate. Testimony was heard from Mark Nadel, Associate Director, National and Public Health Issues, Human Resources Division, GAO; John C. Lewin, M.D., Director of Health, State of Hawaii; and a public witness.

HEALTH CARE LEGISLATION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Hospitals and Health Care approved for full Committee action the following bills; H.R. 4013, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide the Secretary of Veterans Affairs with flexibility in staffing the Veterans Health Administration, to authorize the Secretary to establish pilot programs for health care delivery; and H.R. 1617, to authorize the Department of Veterans Affairs to lease space at the Hines, Illinois, VA Medical Center to a nonprofit entity to establish a Ronald McDonald House to provide temporary accommodations for family of severely ill children being treated at nearby hospitals.

HEALTH SECURITY ACT

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Health continued markup of H.R. 3600, Health Security Act of 1993.

Will continue tomorrow.

TAX-EXEMPT ORGANIZATIONS—IMPROVE COMPLIANCE

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing on the U.S. Department of Treasury's Proposals to Improve Compliance by Tax-Exempt Organizations. Testimony was heard from Leslie B. Samuel, Assistant Secretary, Tax Policy, Department of the Treasury.

ESTABLISHING STATUTORY BASIS FOR CLASSIFYING INFORMATION

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Held a hearing on Establishing Statutory Basis for Classifying Information. Testimony was heard from Elizabeth Rindskopf, General Counsel, CIA; John T. Elliff, Director, Counterintelligence and Security Program, Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary, Intelligence, Department of Defense; Harold C. Relyea, Specialist, American National Government, Government Division, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

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